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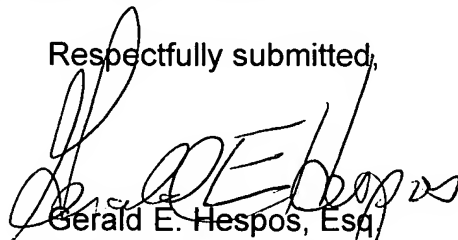
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equivalent. The sixth document cited by the European Searcher is a U.S. patent. The Examiner will note that the first two references listed on the European Search Report were published after the filing date of the subject application and more than one year after the priority date to which the above-captioned application is entitled. Hence, the first two references do not appear to qualify as prior art. The Examiner will also note that all of the other references cited on the European Search Report have been identified as Category A documents. Category A documents are considered to relate to the technological background of the invention. However, Category A documents are not considered to be particularly relevant to the claimed invention when the references are considered separately or when the references are combined.

The one U.S. patent cited by the European Searcher and the U.S. equivalents of the five other references cited by the European Searcher have been listed on the attached copy of Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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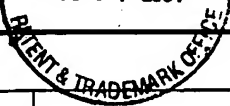
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